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Important Dates

- * 4/6 Easter Holiday County Offices Closed
- * 4/9 New Employee Orientation 8:00am
- * 4/10 Commissioners Court Meeting 9:00am
- * 3/16 Jury Duty
- * 3/23 Commissioners Court Meeting 9:00am
- * 3/23 Jury Duty

February 2012 Employee of the Month



Special congratulations go out to Ms. Haydee Carrillo on being named the first ever Webb County Employee of the Month. Ms. Carrillo works with Judge Oscar Hale in the 406th District Court as a Parenting Coordinator/Counseling Service Coordinator. She was nominated for her positive attitude and her willingness to go the extra mile in helping less fortunate members of the community. As Employee of the Month, she received a commemorative plaque, dinner for two, her picture on display in the Justice Center, as well as reserved parking for the entire month.

Elected Officials, Department Heads, and Employees are encouraged to continue nominating people they feel go above and beyond the call of duty to serve the Webb County population.



Community First Golf Tournament

Webb County Judge Danny Valdez hosted the First Annual Community Golf Tournament. Prizes were given out to First, Second, Third and Fourth -place winners. Door prizes were given out and an auction held to further raise funds. The funds will go to important community projects like the Fishing Derby, Toys for Tejanitos, Supply Our Students Drive, and other projects that Judge Valdez has worked tirelessly on in order to improve the quality of life of these children.



Quad-City Fire Station Ribbon Cutting

After years of hard work, Commissioner Rosaura "Wawi" Tijerina's vision of having a fully-functional, fully-staffed fire station in the Quad Cities of Bruni, Oilton, Mirando, and Aguilares, has become a reality. Joined by area residents and students, members of the volunteer firefighting community, County Officials, and representatives from the State and neighboring Counties, Commissioner Tijerina and Fire Chief Rick Rangel cut the celebratory ribbon officially opening the fire station.

Commissioner Tijerina saw the need to expand the fire department after she saw that volunteer fire department was sharing cramped quarters in the offices of the Justice of the Peace and Constable. Both of which will soon also have

expanded offices to better serve the community.

The four-bay fire station will house emergency response vehicles and serve as the contact point for emergency calls. The fire station will be staffed 24 hours a day, providing a constant presence in case of fire or medical situations.

The station was built with funds from a grant from the Texas Department of Agriculture's Office of Rural Affairs, with a cost of \$300,000.



Volunteer Firefighter Orientation

The Webb County Administrative Services and Fire & EMS Department joined forces to provide a condensed version of the monthly New Hire Orientation to the volunteers of the Fire Department. The orientation was attended by the Fire Chief, Assistant Fire Chief, the Fire & EMS Administrative Assistant and thirty-six volunteers. The orientation highlighted the policies the volunteers were under, since not all policies apply to them. They were also informed of the importance they play when they represent themselves as Webb County (temporary) employees.



Administrative Service Director, Cynthia Mares, thanked them for their service, time, and dedication to not only the Fire Department but to Webb County as a whole. Fire Chief Rick Rangel also introduced himself to some of the newer volunteers and advised them of upcoming trainings that they could take advantage of to improve their skills and service to the county.



Larga Vista Spring Break Camp



Over 35 children from the Larga Vista area participated in a special Spring Break Camp sponsored by the Larga Vista Community Center. The Center sponsored this camp as a means of engaging the kids in diverse activities while at the same time staying out of trouble. The camp also gives working parents an ease of mind knowing that their children are in a secure and mentally engaging environment. Highlights of the Camp include a cookout at Freedom Park, a trip to the movies, and a fun-filled day at the Splash Park. Other activities enjoyed by the children included basketball, kickball, and soccer at Larga Vista Park as well as video games, board games, and other fun activities at the center. The camp was held all Spring Break Week from 10am through 2pm.

Eagle Ford Shale Consortium

Commissioner Jaime Canales gave a concise and engaging presentation of the positive effects that Eagle Ford Shale will have on County development. The Eagle Ford Shale play is one of the largest oil and gas discoveries in the United States. Projected to last more than 40 years, it will be an economic catalyst for sustained business activity and growth for the decades to come within the region. Given that most of the Eagle Ford Shale play is located within Commissioner Canales' precinct, the Commissioner, as well as the Commissioners Court as a whole, has taken a very active role in keeping up to date on developments as well as disseminating the necessary information to the public.



Lamar Bruni Vergara Trust JJAEP Check Presentation



James Pearl and JC Martin III, representing the Lamar Bruni Vergara Trust, presented a check in the amount of \$78,950 to the Webb County Juvenile Justice Alternative Education Program (JJAEP). After the presentation they were given a tour of the new JJAEP facility. The grant will go to purchasing new furniture, surveillance equipment, and computers for the new JJAEP facility currently under construction at the Webb County Youth Village and scheduled to be open in by summertime. The JJAEP is the second component of three phases of the Youth Village. The first component was the detention center and the third and final component, currently being planned, would be a detox and rehabilitation center. Commissioners Court, the County Board of Judges, and Juvenile Probation Director Melissa Mojica were very grateful for donation, noting that it would go a long way in assisting the at-risk students that attend the JJAEP.



Martin High Basketball Team Recognized

The Webb County Commissioners Court recognized the Martin High School Varsity Basketball Team for an excellent basketball season that included being crowned District 295A champions as well as winning championships in both the bi-district and area-level games. The basketball team were also regional quarter finalist in the playoffs. Head Coach Hector "Hecky" Noyola was named Coach of the Year and team member Carlos "CJ" Martinez was named MVP. LISD Superintendent Dr. Marcus Nelson and Board Member Dr. Cecilia Moreno thanked the County for the recognition and praised the hard work that each player and coach showed not only during their training but also on the court.

Best Wishes To Elsa Saenz

The Webb County Commissioners Court, joined by Sheriff Martin Cuellar, recognized Ms. Elsa Saenz for her over 32 years of service with the Sheriff's Office and wished her the best of success on her upcoming retirement. Sheriff Cuellar described Ms. Saenz as a dedicated and devoted employee who gave her all to the County. Ms. Saenz thanked the Commissioners for the recognition and was thankful of the success that she was able to experience while being employed with the County. The Webb County family wishes Ms. Saenz all the best in her retirement.

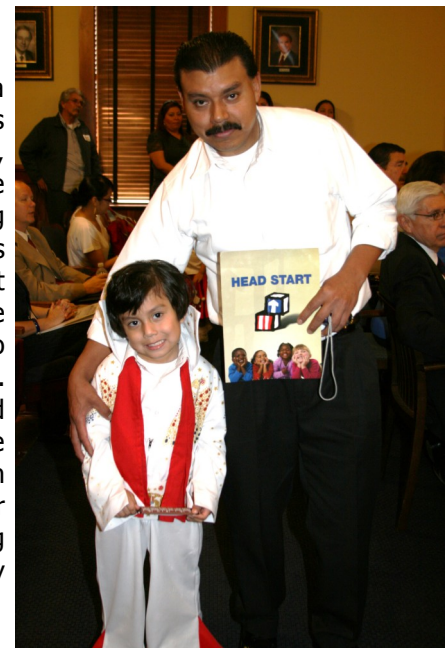


Head Start Month Proclamation

Proud parents, staff members, and students joined Head Start Director Aliza Oliveros as Judge Danny Valdez and the Commissioners Court proclaimed April as Head Start Month in Webb County. Several of the students, dressed in 50's attire, sat on the bench while the proclamation was being read. Various activities are scheduled throughout the month to celebrate and bring awareness to the Head Start Program. The Court also recognized Father/Father Figure Involvement Committee in receiving first place for Best Float Design during the Washington's Birthday Celebration Youth Parade.



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Submit your department stories for next month! E-mail your story along with any pictures to webbpio@webbcountytx.gov. Stories will be edited for style, grammar, and length. Please be advised that, due to space limitations, we cannot guarantee that all stories will be publicized.